

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 19, 1963

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, June 19, 1963. Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Dow, Ullmann and Katzakian (Mayor) present. None absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves and City Attorney Mullen.

MINUTES Minutes of June 5, 1963 and of June 12, 1963, were approved as written and mailed on motion of Councilman Brown, Ullmann second.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

VISIBILITY AT Mr. C. C. Baumbach, 929 South Central Avenue, addressed the Council concerning the poor visibility at night at the intersection of Central Avenue and Kettleman Lane. He said that he almost had an accident because he could not see the street and he requested that lighting be provided at this intersection. City Attorney Mullen mentioned the intersection of Pine and Ham Lane as another dark area. The City Manager was requested to have these areas investigated.

PLANNING COMMISSION

REZONING OF The Planning Commission recommended a change of BLOCK zoning from the R-4 multiple family residential zone and the C-1 neighborhood commercial zone to the C-2 general commercial zone for the property located in the block bounded by Lockeford, School, Locust and Church Streets, excepting the southeast quarter of the block (Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8, Block 12, City of Lodi). This rezoning was recommended as being in conformance with the General Plan proposal for this area to be a part of the Central Business District and is presently bounded by C-2 zoning on three sides. On motion of Councilman Dow, Ullmann second, the proposed rezoning was set for public hearing at the meeting of July 3, 1963.

COMMUNICATIONS

TEMPORARY A letter was read from Robert A. Bainbridge, Judge of the Lodi Judicial District, concerning establishment of a Municipal Court in Lodi in the near future. Such a change will require an increase in court space, and until such time as permanent quarters are established, the Judge feels that present Court facilities could be made satisfactory for the Clerk's and Marshal's office providing that the Council Chambers were made available for court room appearances. No major structural changes would be necessary. Councilman Brown moved that the City Manager negotiate with the County for lease of additional City Hall facilities to the County on a temporary basis for the conduct of the Lodi Municipal Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried unanimously.

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ROADWAY SIGN
FOR WESTDALE
SUBDIVISION

A request was received from Bender, Capell and Houston that they be permitted to install a sign within the City's right of way at the southwest corner of the Lodi-Mills Avenue intersection. The sign would be for the purpose of advertising development in the Westdale Subdivision and would not be required for more than one year. Mr. Houston, being present, stated the sign would be no larger than 4' x 7' and would be placed about 30' south of Lodi Avenue. Councilman Culbertson moved that if there were no legal problems in granting such a request, that Bender, Capell and Houston be permitted to erect a sign no larger than 4' x 7' in the City right of way at the southwest corner of the Lodi and Mills Avenue intersection, said sign to be placed 30' south of Lodi Avenue and to be allowed for not more than one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried unanimously. City Manager Graves pointed out that no precedent was being set in granting this permit.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$114,040.77 were approved on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Brown second.

REQUEST FOR
SUBDIVISION
POLICY CHANGE

Mr. Graves gave a report on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works concerning the suggestion of Mr. Stanley Kirst that the City discontinue its present policy of requiring subdividers to oil the streets in subdivisions approximately one year before the placing of the asphaltic concrete surfacing. Mr. Kirst was of the opinion the final surfacing could be put on instead of the oil. The Director recommended continuing the present policy for the following reasons:

1. It provides an "inspection period" for observing behavior of the subgrade; this is particularly important when utilities are placed in the street. Technically, neither the oil nor the asphaltic concrete should be applied until moisture conditions are correct, but it is not necessary to adhere to it as rigidly if there is another surface to be applied at a later date.
2. While building operations are in process in the subdivision, trucks and tractors tend to tear up a new street.
3. Many of the subdivisions are very small and it would be more expensive for a contractor to move in on one subdivision than it is for him to surface a year's accumulation of subdivision streets all over town, which is the procedure now being used.

The City Manager pointed out that if the policy were changed, the City would need more control over compaction and the inspections would need to be thorough. Also, more curb cuts would be required after final surfacing.

Mr. Stanley Kirst said that because of the degree of compaction required at the present time, the oiling and one year waiting period could be

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eliminated since the purpose of the waiting period was to permit the street to settle. He suggested further study to get other views. Mayor Katzakian stated that if the final surfacing is placed in lieu of the oil, the streets would be cut up because of utility lines in the streets. Damage would also be caused by trucks during building. He said that the present policy had resulted in good streets which did not require extra maintenance at the taxpayers expense.

Councilman Culbertson said that because moisture content and compaction were so important in placing the asphalt surfacing, inspection would be detailed and expensive and the weather would only permit the work to be done at certain times. Mr. Kirst stated that he wished to get more information in regard to percolation. Councilman Dow said that from the City's standpoint it was not necessary to come to an immediate decision and since there was some conflict of opinion, he suggested that further study be made. City Attorney Mullen stated there would be no prejudice shown if the matter were tabled; the Council would be open for consideration of further information obtained by the subdividers. Councilman Dow then moved that the request to eliminate the oiling and waiting period for streets in subdivisions be tabled. Mr. John Capell said that the restricted time in which the oil could be placed could hold up development of the subdivisions for long periods which was rough on the subdivider. He wished the City would be more lenient concerning the time for putting on the oil. He also would like to have the City restudy its present policy of placing utilities in the streets which in his opinion is very unsatisfactory. Councilman Brown agreed that the utilities should be put back in easements. Mr. Maurice O. Ray, Jr., said he agreed with Mr. Kirst and especially with Mr. Capell in regard to utilities in the streets. Councilman Dow then changed his motion by moving that the question of oiling and of having utilities placed in subdivision streets be referred to the Public Works Department for further study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

CC PROPOSAL
RE NO PARKING
AT INTER-
SECTIONS

Mr. Graves reported on the memos received from the Police and the Public Works departments on the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce that all major street intersections be painted red (no parking) on all four corners for at least 30 feet back from the intersection. The Police Department was in favor of this type of parking control only at those intersections which had been shown to need it after thorough investigation. The Public Works Department had contacted a member of the Civic Affairs Committee, which had originated the suggestion, for clarification of the recommendation that all major street intersections be painted red and was told that the intent was to have parking eliminated at narrow and hazardous intersections and in some commercial areas. However, Mr. Jack Butler, Manager of the Chamber, stated that the intent of the Highway Committee was that all major intersections have the no parking restriction. The City Manager said that the Public Works Department has been studying hazardous intersections

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for some time and that corrective measures have been made at a number of intersections. He recommended that this be a matter of continuous study. Councilman Brown felt that the Public Works Department was doing a pretty good job but that the study should be stepped up with more intersections being investigated. Councilman Culbertson moved that the work of the Public Works Department on major street intersection hazards be a continuous and stepped up study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Mullen left the meeting.

CLASSIFICATION Mr. Graves stated the State Cooperative Personnel
REVISION - Services had made a study of Mr. Elmer Weimer's
PROJECTS position in the Engineering Department, and in
OFFICER view of the work he is presently doing has
APPROVED rewritten the job specifications for his position
and recommended a change in title from "Water
RES.NO. 2634 Services Supervisor" to "Projects Officer." Mr.
ADOPTED Graves recommended that the new job specifications
and change in title be approved. The salary range
would not be affected by this change. On motion
of Councilman Culbertson, Brown second, the City
Council adopted Resolution No. 2634 abolishing
the classification of "Water Services Supervisor"
and adopting the classification of "Projects
Officer."

DRIVEWAY The Stokely-Van Camp Corporation has requested
REQUEST - that the 46-foot driveway on their property on
STOKELY-VAN Stockton Street be enlarged to 76 feet in order
CAMP CORP. to accommodate trucks going to and from their new
can plant. It is the recommendation of the
Engineering Department that the request be denied
since the present driveway is wider than most
streets and it seems undesirable to unnecessarily
eliminate more on-street parking space. The City
Manager concurred with the Engineering Department.
Mr. Jack Liebig, manager of the Company, explained
the problem engendered by the trucks coming to
and leaving the plant, stating that they had four
lanes at the present time and made every attempt
to keep the trucks from blocking traffic in the
streets. Since the new can manufacturing plant
has been built, they need the extra 30 feet to
service this building. After hearing the expla-
nation of Mr. Liebig, the City Manager and the
Council agreed that the enlargement of the drive-
way as requested was justified. On motion of
Councilman Brown, Ullmann second, the Council
approved the request of the Stokely-Van Camp
Corporation to enlarge the present driveway from
46' to 76' at the plant on Stockton Street.

TRANSFER Mr. Graves reported that there will be an overrun
OF FUNDS in the 1962-63 Utility Outlay Budget of around
\$13,500 because of unforeseen work on the electri-
cal distribution system, but that there would be
an underrun in bulk power purchases. He recom-
mended that this amount be transferred from the
General Fund to the Utility Outlay Reserve Fund
to take care of the overrun. The Council ordered
transfer of \$13,500 from the General Fund to the
Utility Outlay Reserve Fund on motion of Councilman
Dow, Brown second.

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ORDINANCES

ANNEX
RIVER ADDN.
ORD. NO. 749
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 749, entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED 'RIVER ADDITION,' TO THE CITY OF LODI," having been introduced at the regular meeting of June 5, 1963, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and the ordinance was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, DOW
ULLMANN and KATZAKIAN

NOES: Councilmen - NONE

ABSENT: Councilmen - NONE

REZONING 300
BLK N MAIN TO
"M" INDUSTRIAL
ORD. NO. 750
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 750, entitled "AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING LOTS 1 THROUGH 9, BLOCK 5, LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION MAP NO. 2, TO BE IN THE 'M' INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," having been introduced at the regular meeting of June 5, 1963, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and the ordinance was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, DOW
ULLMANN and KATZAKIAN

NOES: Councilmen - NONE

ABSENT: Councilmen - NONE

1963-64 BUDGET

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

The Council continued its study of the proposed 1963-64 operating budget by giving consideration to the request of the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce for the sum of \$7,000 to cover its activities on behalf of the City for the coming year. Mr. Jack Butler, Manager of the Chamber and Mr. Leo Eachus, President, were present. Mr. Butler answered questions concerning funds used for trade promotions and the Fourth of July Celebration. There was considerable discussion concerning the wine and grape brochure and its advertising value to the City, and also what share of the Chamber costs are borne by industrial and commercial firms. Councilman Dow moved that the sum of \$7,000 be allocated in the budget for the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried.

SJ COUNTY
SAFETY
COUNCIL

Mr. Loren Powell spoke in behalf of the request of the San Joaquin County Safety Council for \$1,000 which was the same amount as requested the previous year. He said the basis of the request was five cents per capita and he did not expect this to increase until 1970. Councilman Brown questioned him concerning the program to raise money through private memberships. Mr. Powell said that the private memberships of \$5 had not been too successful, but that they had a 92% renewal in industries

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which netted around \$3,000 yearly. Councilman Brown moved that the \$1,000 budget request of the Safety Council be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried unanimously.

JAYCEES

Mr. Mike Lapenta of the Lodi Junior Chamber of Commerce spoke in behalf of that organizations's request for \$300 which would be used to promote the City at three out-of-town meetings where the Jaycees would be bidding to bring State-wide JC activities to Lodi. After some questioning concerning these activities, it was moved by Councilman Culbertson, Brown second, that the Junior Chamber of Commerce budget request of \$300 be approved with the understanding that the Chamber of Commerce would control these funds as in the past. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPT. REORGANIZATION

City Manager Graves gave an explanation of the duties of the administrative officers in the Police Department in the event that department was reorganized and lieutenant positions were established to head the uniform division and the investigation division. Councilman Dow said he could see the need for more manpower in the detective bureau, but he questioned the need for a fifth beat which had also been recommended. Councilman Culbertson said that the Police Department does not have sufficient personnel to replace an officer for vacations or sick leave and he did not like to see the City so economical that it would get into trouble. Mr. Graves pointed out that the Police Chief had wanted to reorganize the department last year, but Mr. Graves had felt that the reorganization should take place when increase in personnel was due. In discussing the addition of a beat with the Chief this year, they had come to the conclusion that a fifth beat would be desirable at this time, but not critical. Mayor Katzakian was of the opinion that the reorganization of the department should take place this year, but that the addition of another beat was not necessary. Councilman Culbertson said that from comments he had heard he felt the people of Lodi would want the additional patrol and that the City was at the point where one needed to be added. He then moved that the whole program for the Police Department be accepted as recommended. His motion died for lack of a second. After further discussion it was moved by Councilman Dow that the reorganization of the Police Department be approved (which would mean the promotion of two officers to lieutenant and the addition of two men to the department as patrolmen), but that the request for a fifth beat be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. Mr. Lapenta suggested that another patrolman be added for vacation and sick leave replacement. However, the City Manager stated that the City would not get its money's worth out of the addition of one patrolman. The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

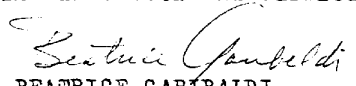
FIRE DEPT. ALARM SYSTEM

Assistant Fire Chief Eproson was present to explain the use of a radio alarm system for Fire Department employees. He said the major fires are at night and the Department does not get initial response with the whistle so that it is necessary to spend 25 to 35 minutes contacting the

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men by phone. During the day if they did not get sufficient response by use of the radio alarm system, they could use the whistle and by that time the equipment would be at the fire so that there would not be as much trouble with crowds going to the fire. Councilman Brown stated that after making inquiries he was of the opinion that the system was worthwhile. He moved that the radio alarm system for the Fire Department be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried by unanimous vote.

Councilman Dow then moved that the meeting be adjourned to June 26, 1963, at 7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried.


Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk